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2.	2. There are no accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets (P.A. 275 of 1980) or the local unit has not exceeded its budget for expenditures.									
3.		X	The local	unit is in c	compliance wi	th the Unifo	rm Chart of	Accounts issued by the De	partment o	of Treasury.
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 5. A public hearing on the budget was held in accordance with State statute. 6. The local unit has not violated the Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, or other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division. 										cy Municipal Loan Act, or
7.										ther taxing unit.
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15.	×		To our kn	owledge, l	bank reconcili	ations that	were review	ed were performed timely.		
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Village of Three Oaks

Berrien County, Michigan

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended February 28, 2007



VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS, MICHIGAN For the Fiscal Year Ended February 28, 2007

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<u>INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT</u>

March 13, 2008

Members of the Village Council Village of Three Oaks Three Oaks, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Three Oaks, Michigan, as of and for the year ended February 28, 2007, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing* Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Village of Three Oaks, Michigan, as of February 28, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof, and the budgetary comparisons for the general fund and major and local streets, for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



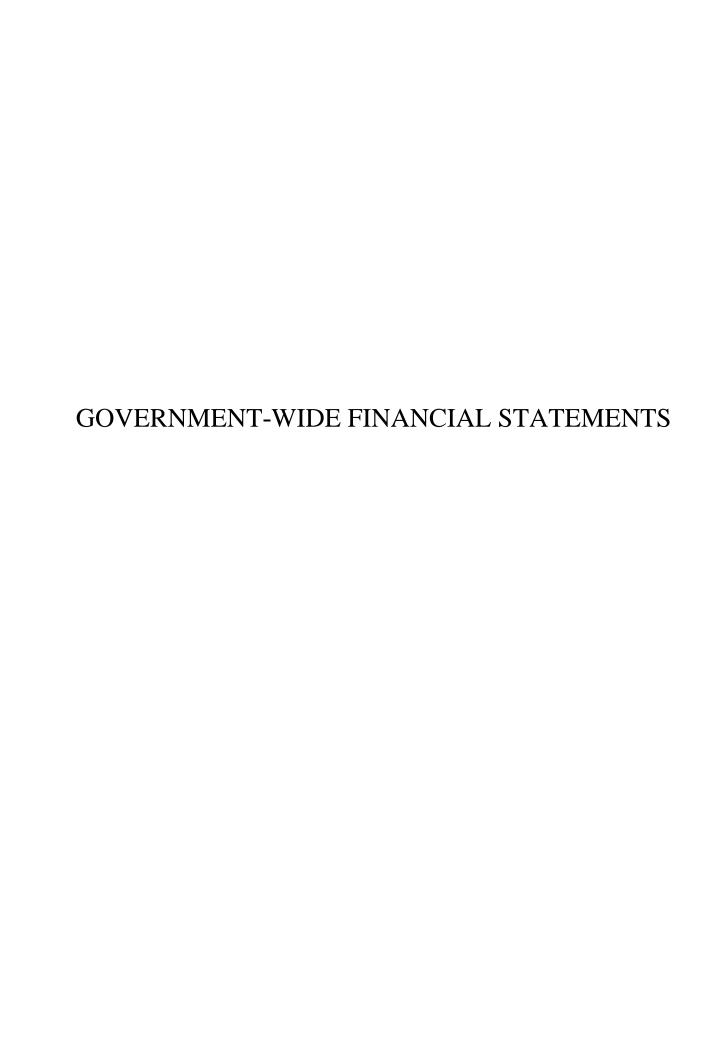
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 13, 2008, on our consideration of the Village of Three Oaks' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The Village has elected not to present Management's Discussion and Analysis as required supplementary information. The GASB has determined that such information is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collective comprise the Village's basic financial statements. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Village of Three Oaks. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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Statement of Net Assets February 28, 2007

	Primary Government							
		ernmental ctivities	Bu	siness-type Activities		Total	Co	omponent Unit
Assets								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	161,551	\$	385,230	\$	546,781	\$	8,463
Receivables		46,105		56,074		102,179		131,151
Internal balances		24,452		(24,452)		-		-
Other assets		49,415		4,534		53,949		_
Capital assets not being depreciated		259,622		54,517		314,139		_
Capital assets being depreciated, net		391,735		5,952,708		6,344,443		
Total assets		932,880		6,428,611		7,361,491		139,614
Liabilities								
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Long-term liabilities:		326,746		45,214		371,960		-
Due within one year		_		133,000		133,000		_
Due in more than one year		-		3,518,000		3,518,000		
Total liabilities		326,746		3,696,269		4,023,015		
Net Assets								
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		651,357		2,356,225		3,007,582		_
Unrestricted (deficit)		(45,223)		376,117		330,894		139,614
Total net assets	\$	606,134	\$	2,732,342	\$	3,338,476	\$	139,614

Statement of Activities

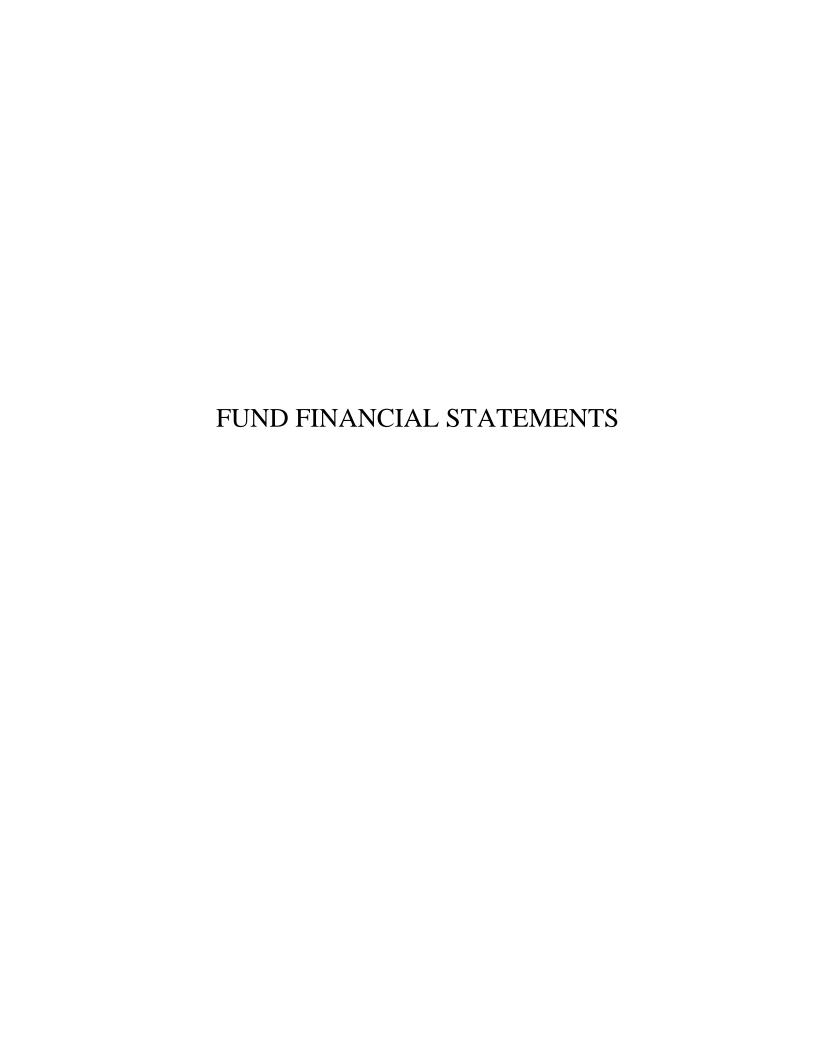
For the Year Ended February 28, 2007

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					O	perating	Ca	pital			
			(Charges	Gı	rants and	Grar	nts and			
Functions / Programs		Expenses		for Services		Contributions		Contributions		Net Expense	
Primary government											
Governmental activities:											
Legislative	\$	9,300	\$	_	\$	-	\$	_	\$	(9,300)	
General government		105,391		-		-		-		(105,391)	
Public safety		373,418		80,352		-		_		(293,066)	
Public works		487,994		70,920		115,921		-		(301,153)	
Planning and economic development		15,355		-		-		-		(15,355)	
Parks and recreation		38,113		325		-		=		(37,788)	
Interest on long-term debt		-		-		-		-		-	
Total governmental activities		1,029,571		151,597		115,921		-		(762,053)	
Business-type activities:											
Sewer		350,630		299,046		4,116		_		(47,468)	
Water		214,487		169,525		5,217		-		(39,745)	
Total business-type activities		565,117		468,571		9,333	-	-		(87,213)	
Total primary government	\$	1,594,688	\$	620,168	\$	125,254	\$		\$	(849,266)	
Component unit Downtown Development Authority	\$	93,457	\$		\$	4,545	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	(88,912)	

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Statement of Activities (Concluded) For the Year Ended February 28, 2007

	Pr	ima	ry Governme				
	vernmental		siness-type			Co	mponent
	 Activities		Activities		Total		Unit
Changes in net assets							
Net expense	\$ (762,053)	\$	(87,213)	\$	(849,266)	\$	(88,912)
General revenues:							
Property taxes	427,431		-		427,431		135,029
State-shared revenues	187,744		-		187,744		-
Grants and contributions not							
restricted to particular programs	89,354		-		89,354		_
Unrestricted interest income	 8,033				8,033		
Total general revenues	 712,562				712,562		135,029
Change in net assets	(49,491)		(87,213)		(136,704)		46,117
Net assets, beginning of year, as restated	 655,625		2,819,555		3,475,180		93,497
Net assets, end of year	\$ 606,134	\$	2,732,342	\$	3,338,476	\$	139,614



Balance Sheet Governmental Funds February 28, 2007

	General	 Major Streets	Local Streets	Total vernmental Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 144,638	\$ 12,798	\$ 4,115	\$ 161,551
Accounts receivable	11,241	-	-	11,241
Due from other governments	34,864	-	-	34,864
Due from other funds	240,482	-	-	240,482
Prepaid items	 49,415	 	 	 49,415
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 480,640	\$ 12,798	\$ 4,115	\$ 497,553
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	\$ 25,691	\$ 259,623	\$ -	\$ 285,314
Accrued liabilities	4,472	135	45	4,652
Due to other funds	-	40,701	175,329	216,030
Due to component unit	36,780	 		 36,780
Total liabilities	 66,943	 300,459	 175,374	 542,776
Fund balances (deficit)				
Reserved for:				
Prepaid items	49,415	-	-	49,415
Unreserved:				
Undesignated (deficit)	 364,282	 (287,661)	 (171,259)	 (94,638)
Total fund balances (deficit)	 413,697	 (287,661)	 (171,259)	 (45,223)
TOTAL LIABILITIES				
AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 480,640	\$ 12,798	\$ 4,115	\$ 497,553

Reconciliation of Fund Balances on the Balance Sheet for Governmental Funds to Net Assets of Governmental Activities on the Statement of Net Assets February 28, 2007

Fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ (45,223)
Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	
Add - capital assets not being depreciated	259,622
Add - capital assets being depreciated	1,176,229
Deduct - accumulated depreciation	 (784,494)
Net assets of governmental activities	\$ 606,134

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended February 28, 2007

	General	Major Streets	Local Streets	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues				
Property taxes	\$ 427,431	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 427,431
Licenses and permits	108,535	-	-	108,535
Intergovernmental	187,744	79,345	35,687	302,776
Police charges	55,864	-	-	55,864
Parks revenue	325	-	-	325
Interest revenue	8,033	678	211	8,922
Donations	300	-	-	300
Other revenues	75,927			75,927
Total revenues	864,159	80,023	35,898	980,080
Expenditures				
Current:				
Legislative	9,300	-	-	9,300
General government	87,892	-	-	87,892
Public safety	356,618	-	-	356,618
Public works	254,253	155,179	107,629	517,061
Planning and economic development	10,522	-	-	10,522
Parks and recreation	20,277	-	-	20,277
Capital outlay	60,886			60,886
Total expenditures	799,748	155,179	107,629	1,062,556
Revenues over (under) expenditures	64,411	(75,156)	(71,731)	(82,476)
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	-	-	19,836	19,836
Transfers out		(19,836)		(19,836)
Total other financing sources (uses)		(19,836)	19,836	
Net changes in fund balances	64,411	(94,992)	(51,895)	(82,476)
Fund balances (deficit), beginning of year, as restated	349,286	(192,669)	(119,364)	37,253
Fund balances (deficit), end of year	\$ 413,697	\$ (287,661)	\$ (171,259)	\$ (45,223)

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended February 28, 2007

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds

\$ (82,476)

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Add - capital outlay

Deduct - depreciation expense

88,845

(55,860)

Change in net assets of governmental activities

\$ (49,491)

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes

in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual General Fund

For the Year Ended February 28, 2007

	Original/ Final Budget	Actual		Ove	Actual er (Under) al Budget
Revenues					
Property taxes	\$ 515,000	\$	427,431	\$	(87,569)
Special assessments	2,000		-		(2,000)
Licenses and permits	88,300		108,535		20,235
Intergovernmental	200,000		187,744		(12,256)
Police charges	52,000		55,864		3,864
Parks revenue	-		325		325
Interest revenue	4,000		8,033		4,033
Donations	-		300		300
Other revenues	 8,000		75,927		67,927
Total revenues	 869,300		864,159		(5,141)
Expenditures					
Legislative	 9,300		9,300		
General government:					
Clerk	-		34,881		34,881
Elections	2,000		-		(2,000)
Treasurer	-		16,879		16,879
Other	132,475		36,132		(96,343)
Total general government	134,475		87,892		(46,583)
Public safety:					
Police	232,400		284,998		52,598
Fire	45,300		51,641		6,341
Building Inspection	750		19,979		19,229
Total public safety	278,450		356,618		78,168
Public works:					
Streets	 287,815		254,253		(33,562)

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Concluded) General Fund

For the Year Ended February 28, 2007

	Original/ Final Budget Actual			Actual	Actual Over (Under) Final Budget		
Expenditures (Concluded) Planning and economic development: Planning	\$	5,500	\$	6,922	\$	1,422	
Economic development	Ψ	8,600	Ψ	3,600	Ψ	(5,000)	
Total planning and economic development		14,100		10,522		(3,578)	
Parks and recreation		25,250		20,277		(4,973)	
Capital outlay		86,750		60,886		(25,864)	
Total expenditures		836,140		799,748		(36,392)	
Net change in fund balance		33,160		64,411		31,251	
Fund balance, beginning of year		349,286		349,286			
Fund balance, end of year	\$	382,446	\$	413,697	\$	31,251	

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual Major Streets Special Revenue Fund For the Year Ended February 28, 2007

	Original/ Final Budget			Actual	Actual Over (Under) Final Budget		
Revenues							
Intergovernmental	\$	-	\$	79,345	\$	79,345	
Interest revenue				678		678	
Total revenues				80,023		80,023	
Expenditures							
Public works:							
Construction		-		-		-	
General maintenance		-		20,641		20,641	
Winter maintenance		-		8,724		8,724	
Tree maintenance		-		-		-	
Traffic lights		-		1,829		1,829	
Capital outlay		-		66,953		66,953	
Other				57,032		57,032	
Total expenditures				155,179		155,179	
Revenues under expenditures		-		(75,156)		(75,156)	
Other financing uses							
Transfers out				(19,836)		(19,836)	
Net change in fund balance		-		(94,992)		(94,992)	
Fund deficit, beginning of year, as restated		(192,669)		(192,669)		(385,338)	
Fund deficit, end of year	\$ ((192,669)	\$	(287,661)	\$	(480,330)	

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual Local Streets Special Revenue Fund For the Year Ended February 28, 2007

	Original/ Final Budget Actual		Actual er (Under) nal Budget	
Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$ -	\$	35,687	\$ 35,687
Interest revenue		<u> </u>	211	 211
Total revenues		<u> </u>	35,898	 35,898
Expenditures				
Public works:				
Construction	-		-	-
General maintenance	-		33,668	33,668
Winter maintenance	-		4,099	4,099
Tree maintenance	-		-	-
Traffic lights	-		-	-
Other		<u> </u>	69,862	 69,862
Total expenditures		<u> </u>	107,629	 107,629
Revenues under expenditures	-		(71,731)	(71,731)
Other financing uses				
Transfers in		<u> </u>	19,836	 19,836
Net change in fund balance	-	-	(51,895)	(51,895)
Fund deficit, beginning of year	(119,364	-)	(119,364)	 (238,728)
Fund deficit, end of year	\$ (119,364) \$	(171,259)	\$ (290,623)

Statement of Net Assets Proprietary Funds February 28, 2007

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds						
	Sewer	Water	Total				
Assets							
Current assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 238,987	\$ 146,243	\$ 385,230				
Accounts receivable	37,452	18,622	56,074				
Due from other funds	-	908	908				
Inventory, at cost	3,255	1,279	4,534				
Total current assets	279,694	167,052	446,746				
Noncurrent assets:							
Capital assets not being depreciated	30,017	24,500	54,517				
Capital assets being depreciated, net	5,224,281	728,427	5,952,708				
Total noncurrent assets	5,254,298	752,927	6,007,225				
Total assets	5,533,992	919,979	6,453,971				
Liabilities							
Current liabilities:							
Accounts payable	_	1,263	1,263				
Accrued liabilities	140	653	793				
Due to other funds	6,786	18,574	25,360				
Accrued interest payable	35,242	7,916	43,158				
Deferred revenue	- -	55	55				
Current portion of long-term debt	108,000	25,000	133,000				
Total current liabilities	150,168	53,461	203,629				
Long-term debt, net of current portion	2,793,000	725,000	3,518,000				
Total liabilities	2,943,168	778,461	3,721,629				
Net Assets							
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,353,298	2,927	2,356,225				
Unrestricted	237,526	138,591	376,117				
Total net assets	\$ 2,590,824	\$ 141,518	\$ 2,732,342				

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended February 28, 2007

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds					
		Sewer	Water			Total
Operating revenues						
Charges for services	\$	299,046	\$	169,525	\$	468,571
Operating expenses						
Operation and maintenance		81,615		127,952		209,567
Depreciation		174,285		38,587		212,872
Total operating expenses		255,900		166,539		422,439
Operating income		43,146		2,986		46,132
Non-operating revenues (expenses)						
Investment income		4,116		3,801		7,917
Interest expense		(94,730)		(47,948)		(142,678)
Other non-operating revenue				1,416		1,416
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)		(90,614)		(42,731)		(133,345)
Change in net assets		(47,468)		(39,745)		(87,213)
Net assets, beginning of year		2,638,292		181,263		2,819,555
Net assets, end of year	\$	2,590,824	\$	141,518	\$	2,732,342

Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended February 28, 2007

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds					se Funds
	Sewer		Water			Total
Cash flows from operating activities						
Cash received from customers	\$	315,554	\$	180,169	\$	495,723
Cash payments to employees		(24,277)		(70,894)		(95,171)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services		(60,117)		(57,095)		(117,212)
Net cash provided by operating activities		231,160		52,180		283,340
Cash flows from non-capital financing activities						
Other receipts				1,416		1,416
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities	8					
Bond principal payments		(103,000)		(25,000)		(128,000)
Bond interest payments		(94,730)		(47,948)		(142,678)
Net cash used by capital and related						
financing activities		(197,730)		(72,948)		(270,678)
Cash flows from investing activities						
Investment income		4,116		3,801		7,917
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		37,546		(15,551)		21,995
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		201,441		161,794		363,235
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	238,987	\$	146,243	\$	385,230

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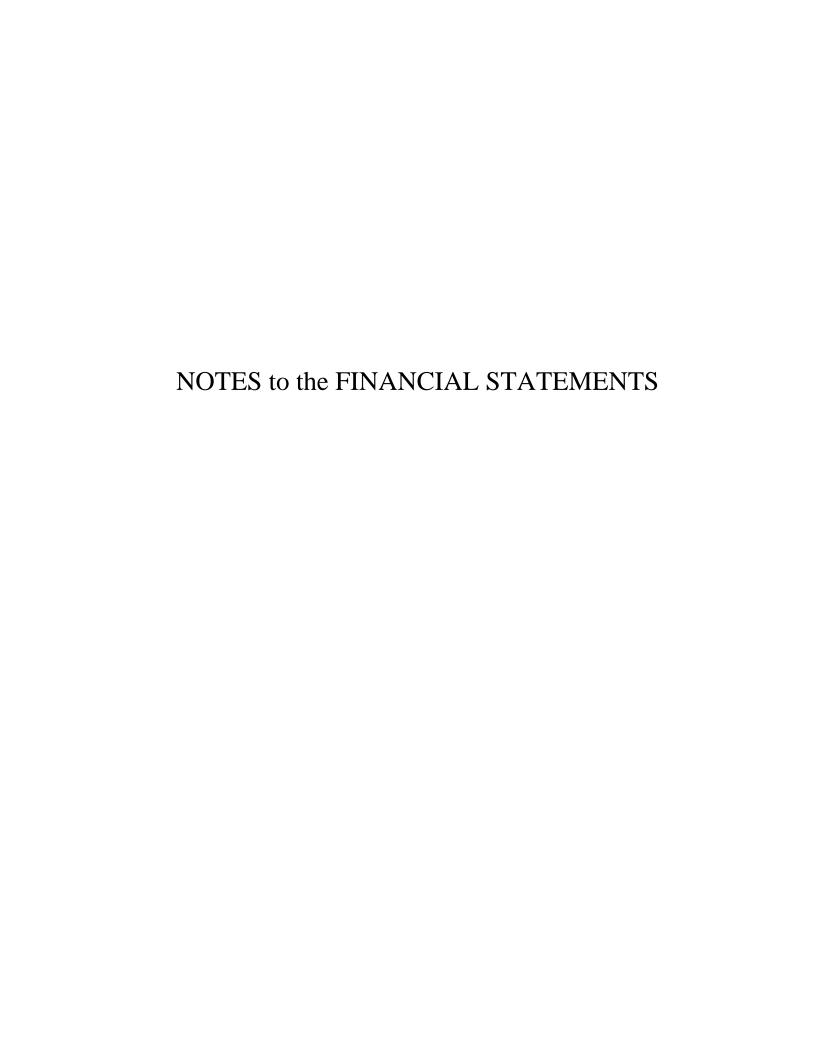
Statement of Cash Flows (Concluded) Proprietary Funds

For the Year Ended February 28, 2007

	<u>B</u>	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds					
		Sewer		Water		Total	
Reconciliation of operating income to net							
cash provided by operating activities							
Operating income	\$	43,146	\$	2,986	\$	46,132	
Adjustments to reconcile operating income							
to net cash provided by operating activities:							
Depreciation		174,285		38,587		212,872	
Changes in assets and liabilities:							
Accounts receivable		16,508		10,589		27,097	
Accounts payable		_		1,263		1,263	
Accrued liabilities		(626)		(1,099)		(1,725)	
Due to other funds		(1,020)		34		(986)	
Accrued interest payable		(1,133)		(235)		(1,368)	
Deferred revenue				55		55	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	231,160	\$	52,180	\$	283,340	

Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets Fiduciary Fund February 28, 2007

	Tax Collections Agency Fund	_
Assets Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,627	=
Liabilities Due to other governments	\$ 9,627	_



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I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

In accordance with the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, these financial statements present the government and its component unit, an entity for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. The discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize it is legally separate from the government. The discretely presented component unit has a February 28 year end.

Discretely Presented Component Unit (Downtown Development Authority) - The Downtown Development Authority was created as a tax-increment financing district to correct and prevent deterioration in the downtown district, encourage historical preservation and to promote economic growth within the downtown district. The Authority is governed by a five member board, selected by the Village Council. Furthermore, the Authority's budget is subject to approval by the Village Council.

B. Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component unit. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from the legally separate component unit for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Notes To Financial Statements

C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources* measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund financial statements. Agency funds also use the accrual basis of accounting but do not have a measurement focus. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement* focus and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period, or within one year for expenditure-driven grants. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. Intergovernmental revenues are accrued when earned. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The Village reports the following major governmental funds:

The *general fund* is the Village's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *major streets fund* accounts for the use of motor fuel taxes which are earmarked by State statute for major street and highway purposes.

The *local streets fund* accounts for the use of motor fuel taxes which are earmarked by State statute for local street and highway purposes.

The Village reports the following major proprietary funds:

The sewer fund accounts for the activities of the Village's sewer system.

The water fund accounts for the activities of the Village's water distribution and treatment system.

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Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the *option* of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The Village has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *non-operating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. The enterprise funds also recognize as operating revenues the portion of tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the water and sewer system. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

D. Assets, liabilities and equity

1. Deposits and investments

The Village's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

State statutes authorize the Village to deposit in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions and savings and loan associations and to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain commercial paper, repurchase agreements, bankers acceptances, and mutual funds composed of otherwise legal investments. The Village's investment policy allows for all of these types of investments.

2. Interfund receivables and payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

Notes To Financial Statements

3. Inventories and Prepaid Items

All inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

4. Capital assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items constructed or acquired after 1980), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities, if any, is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. No such interest expense was incurred during the current fiscal year.

Capital assets of the primary government are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	Years
Land improvements	30-40
Buildings and improvements	15-40
Furniture and Equipment	5-15
Vehicles	5-10
Water and Sewer Systems	20-50

5. Compensated absences

Village employees are not permitted to accumulate sick or vacation days to be carried over from year to year. Accordingly, no liability for compensated absences is recorded in these financial statements.

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6. Long-term obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

7. Fund equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change. There were no designations at year end.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary information

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the general and special revenue funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end.

The appropriated budget is prepared by fund and function. The legal level of budgetary control is the functional level. Transfers of appropriations between functions require the approval of the Village Council. There were no amendments made to the budget during the current fiscal year.

B. Deficit fund balance

As of February 28, 2007, the major and local streets funds had deficit fund balances of \$287,661 and \$171,259, respectively, due to the State of Michigan temporarily freezing the Village's Act 51 intergovernmental revenue payments, pending receipt of audited financial statements from the Village. Management expects to eliminate these deficits through the subsequent receipt of said funding from the State, and through transfers from the Sewer and Water enterprise funds, in reimbursement for services provided, as needed.

Notes To Financial Statements

C. Excess of expenditures over appropriations

For the year ended February 28, 2007, expenditures exceeded appropriations as follows: the Public Safety function of the General Fund exceeded the approved budget by \$78,168. This overage was covered through available fund balance.

The Village did not legally adopt budgets for the Major Streets and Local Streets funds as required by State statutes. Accordingly, total expenditures of \$155,179 and \$107,629, respectively, in the Major and Local Street funds were in excess of appropriated amounts.

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

A. Deposits and investments

Following is a reconciliation of deposit and investment balances as of February 28, 2007:

Statement of Net Assets

Cash and cash equivalents:	
Governmental activities	\$ 161,551
Business-type activities	385,230
Component unit	8,463
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents:	
Agency fund	9,627
Total	<u>\$ 564,871</u>
Deposits and investments	
Bank deposits:	Φ 400 200
Checking/savings accounts	\$ 490,298
Certificates of deposit (due within one year)	74,373
Cash on hand	200
Total	\$ 564,871

Deposit and investment risk

Interest Rate Risk. State law limits the allowable investments and the maturities of some of the allowable investments as identified in list of authorized investments in the accounting policies. The Village's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law on investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. All of the Village's deposits with fixed maturity dates (certificates of deposit) were due within one year.

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Credit Risk. State law limits investments to specific government securities, certificates of deposits and bank accounts with qualified financial institutions, commercial paper with specific maximum maturities and ratings when purchased, bankers acceptances of specific financial institutions, qualified mutual funds and qualified external investment pools as identified in the list of authorized investments in the accounting policies. The Village's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law on investment credit risk. At year end, the Village had no investments, and was therefore not exposed to credit risk.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Village's deposits may not be returned. State law does not require and the Village does not have a policy for deposit custodial credit risk. As of year end, \$294,099 of the Village's bank balance of \$560,721 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Concentration of Credit Risk. State law limits allowable investments but does not limit concentration of credit risk as identified in the list of authorized investments in the accounting policies. The Village's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law on concentration of credit risk. At year end, the Village had no investments, and was therefore not exposed to concentration risk.

B. Receivables

Receivables as of year end are comprised of the following:

	ernmental <u>ctivities</u>	ness-type ctivities	Co	mponent <u>Unit</u>
Taxes receivable	\$ -	\$ _	\$	94,371
Accounts receivable	11,241	56,074		-
Due from other governments	34,864	-		-
Due from primary government	 	 		36,780
Total	\$ 46,105	\$ 56,074	\$	131,151

Notes To Financial Statements

C. Capital assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended February 28, 2007 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance Additions		Disposals	Endin Disposals Balar			
Governmental activities					-		
Capital assets, not being depreciated							
Construction in process	\$	192,669	\$	66,953	\$ -	\$	259,622
Capital assets, being depreciated:							
Land improvements		47,086		_	-		47,086
Buildings and improvements		397,261		_	_		397,261
Furniture and equipment		506,996		_	_		506,996
Vehicles		202,994		21,892	_		224,886
Total capital assets being depreciated		1,154,337		21,892	-		1,176,229
Less accumulated depreciation for:							
Land improvements		(7,929)		(1,233)	_		(9,162)
Buildings and improvements		(134,149)		(16,951)	_		(151,100)
Furniture and equipment		(416,885)		(21,156)	_		(438,041)
Vehicles		(169,671)		(16,520)	_		(186,191)
Total accumulated depreciation		(728,634)		(55,860)			(784,494)
Total accumulated depreciation		(720,034)		(33,000)			(704,474)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net		425,703		(33,968)	-		391,735
Capital assets, net	\$	618,372	\$	32,985	\$ -	\$	651,357
		eginning Balance	A	Additions	Disposals		Ending Balance
Business-type activities		Бининес		i da di	Disposuis		Duidirec
Capital assets, not being depreciated:							
Land	\$	54,517	\$	_	\$ -	\$	54,517
Luid	Ψ	34,317	Ψ		Ψ	Ψ	34,317
Capital assets, being depreciated:							
Equipment		212,196					212,196
Infrastructure		8,525,349		-	-		8,525,349
				-			
Total capital assets being depreciated		8,737,545					8,737,545
Less accumulated depreciation for:							
Equipment		(162,431)		(11,574)	-		(174,005)
Infrastructure		(2,409,534)		(201,298)	-		(2,610,832)
Total accumulated depreciation	_	(2,571,965)		(212,872)	-		(2,350,280)
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Total capital assets being depreciated, net		6,165,580		(212,872)	-		5,952,708
Capital assets, net	\$	6,220,097	\$	(212,872)	\$ -	\$	6,007,225
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Notes To Financial Statements

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities:		
General government	\$	9,826
Public safety		16,800
Public works		13,016
Planning and economic development		4,833
Parks and recreation		11,385
Total depreciation expense –		
governmental activities	<u>\$</u>	55,860
Business-type Activities:		
Sewer	\$	174,285
Water		38,587
Total depreciation expense –		
business-type activities	<u>\$</u>	212,872

D. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

Payables as of year end are comprised of the following:

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		duciary Funds
Accounts payable	\$ 285,314	\$	1,263	\$	-
Accrued liabilities	4,652		793		-
Accrued interest payable	-		43,158		-
Undistributed receipts	-		-		9,627
Due to component unit	 36,780				
Total	\$ 326,746	\$	45,214	\$	9,627

Notes To Financial Statements

E. Interfund receivables, payables and transfers

		Due to					
	G	eneral					
		Fund		Water		Total	
Due from:							
Major Streets	\$	40,701	\$	-	\$	40,701	
Local Streets		175,329		-		175,329	
Sewer		5,878		908		6,786	
Water		18,574		-		18,574	
	\$	240,482	\$	908	\$	241,390	

These balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

For the year ended February 28, 2007, interfund transfers consisted of a \$19,836 transfer from the Major Streets Fund to the Local Streets Fund.

Transfers are used to: (1) move revenues from the fund that is required to collect them to the fund that is required or allowed to expend them; (2) move receipts restricted to or allowed for debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due; and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

Notes To Financial Statements

F. Long-term debt

Long-term debt at February 28, 2007, is comprised of the following.

Business-type activities

2001 Sanitary Sewer Clean Water Program Loan (through the Michigan Municipal Bond Authority), maturing serially through 2023 in annual amounts ranging from \$90,000-\$135,000, plus interest at 2.5%.

2001 Sanitary Sewer System Revenue Bonds, maturing serially through 2042 in annual amounts ranging from \$13,000-\$63,000, plus interest at 4.5%.

1978 Water Supply System Revenue Bonds, maturing serially through 2016 in annual amounts of \$15,000, plus interest at 5.0%.

1992 Water Treatment Plant, maturing serially through 2032 in annual amounts ranging from \$10,000-\$50,000, plus interest at 6.625%.

	I	Beginning					Ending	D	ue within
		Balance	Additions		Re	eductions	Balance		one year
Business-type activities									
2001 Sanitary Sewer Clean Water Program Loan	\$	1,895,000	\$	-	\$	90,000	\$ 1,805,000	\$	95,000
2001 Sanitary Sewer System Revenue Bonds		1,109,000		-		13,000	1,096,000		13,000
1978 Water Supply System Revenue Bonds		150,000		-		15,000	135,000		15,000
1992 Water Treatment Plant		625,000		-		10,000	615,000		10,000
Total business-type activities	\$	3,779,000	\$		\$	128,000	\$ 3,651,000	\$	133,000

Notes To Financial Statements

The annual requirements to service business-type activities debt obligations as of February 28, 2007, are as follows:

Year Ended	Business-Type Activities											
February 28		Principal		Interest	Total							
2008	\$	133,000	\$	139,753	\$	272,753						
2009	Ψ	134,000	Ψ	135,358	Ψ	269,358						
2010		140,000		130,855		270,855						
2011		140,000		126,268		266,268						
2012		146,000		121,492		267,492						
2013-2017		786,000		529,523		1,315,523						
2018-2022		850,000		395,675		1,245,675						
2023-2027		432,000		268,669		700,669						
2028-2032		392,000		170,656		562,656						
2033-2037		220,000		88,200		308,200						
2038-2042		278,000		32,625		310,625						
	\$	3,651,000	\$	2,139,072	\$	5,171,247						

Component unit

Street Beautification Project limited tax general obligation bonds, maturing serially through 2007 in annual amounts of \$20,000, plus interest ranging from 7.10% - 7.15%.

	Begiı	nning					Ending		Due within	1
	Bala	nce	Additions		Red	uctions	Balance	_	one year	
Component Unit										
Street Beautification Project LTGO Bonds	\$	20,000	\$	•	\$	20,000	\$		\$	

G. Segment information-enterprise funds

The government issued revenue bonds to finance certain improvements to its water and sewer systems. Because the Sewer Fund and the Water Fund are each reported as major funds in the fund financial statements and account entirely for a specific segment, disclosures are not required herein.

Notes To Financial Statements

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

A. Risk management

The Village is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the year ended February 28, 2007, the Village carried commercial insurance to cover all risks of losses. The Village has had no settled claims resulting from these risks that exceeded its commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

B. Property taxes

Village property tax revenues are recognized as revenues in the fiscal year levied to the extent that they are measurable and available. The Village bills and collects its own property taxes. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of December 31. Village taxes are levied the following July 1 and are payable without penalty through September 15, at which time uncollected real property taxes are turned over to the County for reimbursement from their revolving tax fund. The Village continues to collect delinquent personal property taxes.

The State taxable value of all real and personal property on which Village tax levies were based for the year ended February 28, 2007, was \$34,446,905 and the millage rate was 13.1712 mills for general operations.

C. State Construction Code Act Compliance

Public Act 245 of 1999 amended the State Construction Act to require Michigan municipal governments to establish fees which bear a reasonable relationship to the cost of operating their building departments. The Village's fee structure is not intended to fully recover its costs, and accordingly, the operations of the Village's building department are accounted for in the General Fund.

For the year ended February 28, 2007, the Village's revenue and expenditures related to its building department were as follows:

Revenue	
Building permits	\$ 10,207
Electrical permits	6,717
Mechanical permits	 4,353
	\$ 21,277
Expenditures	
Building inspection	\$ 10,162

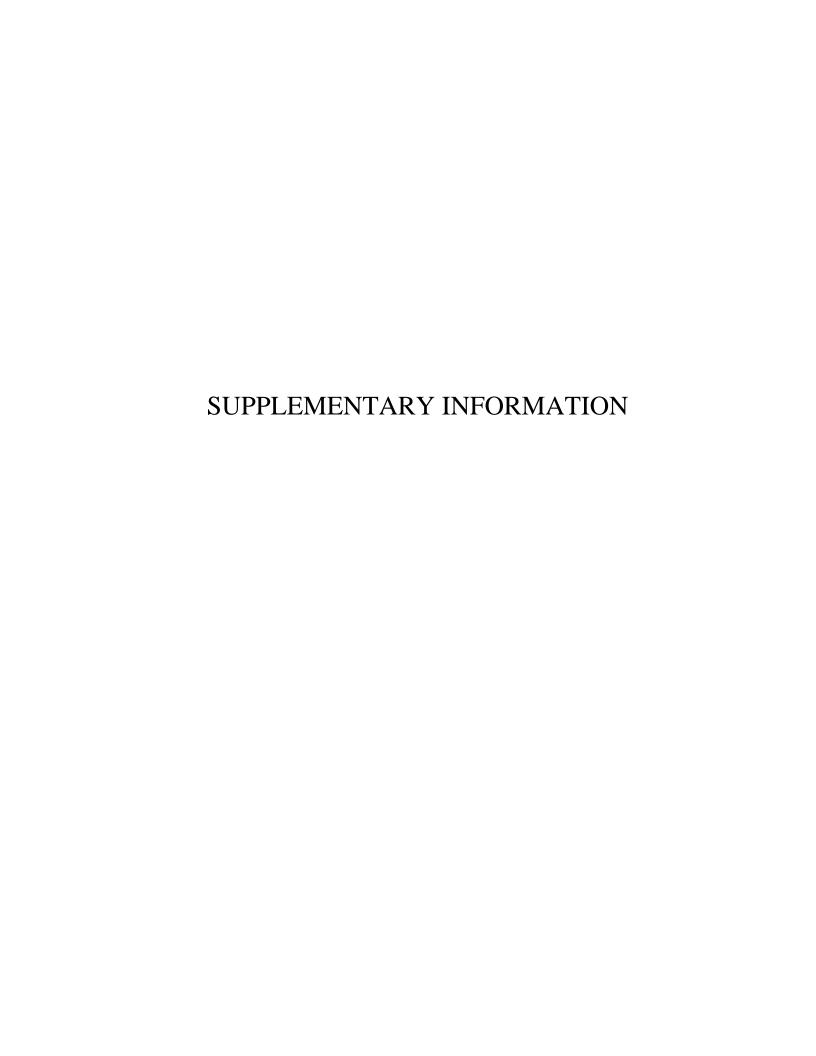
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No reservation of fund balance was required as of February 28, 2007, due to the cumulative deficiency of revenue over expenditures from past fiscal years.

D. Restatement

Beginning fund balance of the Major Streets Fund was reduced by \$192,669 to record a liability to the State of Michigan for construction work performed in the prior year on the Village's behalf that had been invoiced, but not yet accrued or paid by the Village.

Beginning Government Wide net assets and capital assets were increased by \$192,669 to record construction in process that was not recorded in the prior year.



VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS, MICHIGAN

Statement of Net Assets and Governmental Funds Balance Sheet Downtown Development Authority Component Unit February 28, 2007

	Se	Debt ervice Fund	Capital Projects Fund		jects		Adjustments		Statement of Net Assets	
Assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	136	\$	8,327	\$	8,463	\$	-	\$	8,463
Taxes receivable		-		94,371		94,371		-		94,371
Due from primary government				36,780		36,780		_		36,780
Total assets	\$	136	\$	139,478	\$	139,614		<u>-</u>		139,614
Fund balances										
Unreserved, undesignated		136		139,478		139,614		(139,614)		
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	136	\$	139,478	\$	139,614				
Net assets, unrestricted							\$	139,614	\$	139,614

VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS, MICHIGAN

Statement of Activities and

Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Downtown Development Authority Component Unit For the Year Ended February 28, 2007

	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total	Adjustments	Statement of Activities	
Expenditures/expenses						
Downtown development	\$ -	\$ 93,726	\$ 93,726	\$ (1,430)	\$ 92,296	
Debt service:						
Principal	20,000	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	
Interest and fiscal charges	1,015	-	1,015	(715)	300	
Capital outlay		861	861		861	
Total expenditures/expenses	21,015	94,587	115,602	(22,145)	93,457	
General revenues						
Property taxes	-	135,029	135,029	-	135,029	
Intergovernmental	-	3,455	3,455	-	3,455	
Investment earnings	3	1,087	1,090		1,090	
Total general revenues	3	139,571	139,574		139,574	
Excess of general revenues over						
(under) expenditures/expenses	(21,012)	44,984	23,972	22,145	46,117	
Other financing sources (uses)						
Transfers in	20,715	-	20,715	(20,715)	-	
Transfers out		(20,715)	(20,715)	20,715		
Total other financing sources (uses)	20,715	(20,715)				
Net changes in fund balances	(297)	24,269	23,972	(23,972)	-	
Change in net assets	-	-	-	46,117	46,117	
Fund balance/net assets Beginning of year	433	115,209	115,642	(22,145)	93,497	
End of year	\$ 136	\$ 139,478	\$ 139,614	\$ -	\$ 139,614	

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

March 13, 2008

Members of the Village Council Village of Three Oaks Three Oaks, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the *Village of Three Oaks*, *Michigan*, as of and for the year ended February 28, 2007, which collectively comprise the Village's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated March 13, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We consider the deficiencies described below to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.



Finding 2007-1 – Preparation of Financial Statements in Accordance with GAAP

Criteria:

All Michigan governments are required to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). This is a responsibility of the government's management. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires internal controls over both (1) recording, processing, and summarizing accounting data (i.e., maintaining internal books and records), and (2) reporting government-wide and fund financial statements, including the related footnotes (i.e., external financial reporting.)

Condition:

As is the case with many smaller and medium-sized entities, the government has historically relied on its independent external auditors to assist in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and footnotes as part of its external financial reporting process. Accordingly, the government's ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP is based, in part, on its reliance on its external auditors, who cannot by definition be considered a part of the government's *internal* controls.

Cause:

This condition was caused by the government's decision that it is more cost effective to outsource the preparation of its annual financial statements to the auditors than to incur the time and expense of obtaining the necessary training and expertise required for the government to perform this task internally.

Effect:

As a result of this condition, the government lacks internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and instead relies, in part, on its external auditors for assistance with this task.

View of Responsible Officials:

Condition:

The government has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and determined that it is in the best interests of the government to outsource this task to its external auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their content and presentation.

Finding 2007-2 – Material Audit Adjustments

Criteria: Management is responsible for maintaining its accounting records in

accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

During our audit, we identified and proposed numerous material adjustments (which were approved and posted by management) to adjust the Village's general ledger to the appropriate balances. These adjustments included reversing prior year accruals, setting up current year accruals for various receivables and payables, balancing interfund transactions, properly allocating certain costs, and recording a material prior period adjustment in the Major Streets Fund.

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Cause:

The Village has historically relied on its independent external auditors to assist with the process of making necessary year end adjustments to present its financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

Effect:

As a result of this condition, the Village's accounting records were initially misstated by amounts material to the financial statements.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the Village Council budget for appropriate training for its accounting personnel in order to properly equip management with the necessary skills and expertise to begin to assume the responsibility for properly adjusting and reconciling all Village accounts both at year end and throughout the fiscal year to provide more accurate and meaningful data to the Council for decision making, and to reduce the cost of the annual audit.

View of Responsible Officials: In late 2007, the Village acquired a new accounting software package and hired a new Village Clerk. The Village Council believes that these two changes will help ensure that the Village's accounting records are properly stated in the future. However, the Village will continue to rely, as needed, on the expertise of its external auditors as an extension of its financial reporting process.

Finding 2007-3 – Segregation of Incompatible Duties

Criteria:

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and the safeguarding of the Village's assets. In establishing appropriate internal controls, careful consideration must be given to the cost of a particular control and the related benefits to be received. Accordingly, management must make the difficult decision of what degree of risk it is willing to accept, given the government's unique circumstances.

Condition:

As is the case with many organizations of similar size, the Village lacks a sufficient number of accounting personnel in order to ensure a complete segregation of duties within its accounting function. Ideally, no single individual should ever be able to authorize a transaction, record the transaction in the accounting records, and maintain custody of the assets resulting from the transaction. Effectively, proper segregation of duties is intended to prevent an individual from committing an act of fraud or abuse and being able to conceal it.

Events of recent years have given rise to a heightened awareness of the risks of fraud and abuse, especially in the governmental environment, where public accountability is at its highest. The purpose of internal controls is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are properly authorized and recorded. Any limitations on the effectiveness of a government's internal controls carries with it a greater risk of fraud and abuse.

Cause:

This condition is a result of the Village's limited resources, and the small size of its accounting staff.

Effect:

As a result of this condition, the Village is exposed to an increased risk that misstatements or misappropriations might occur and not be detected by management in a timely basis.

Recommendation:

While there are, of course, no easy answers to the challenge of balancing the costs and benefits of internal controls and the segregation of duties, we would nevertheless encourage management to actively seek ways to further strengthen its internal control structure by requiring as much independent review, reconciliation, and approval of accounting functions by qualified members of management as possible.

View of Responsible Officials: The Village Council is aware of the risks associated with this condition, and has made the determination that given the Village's resource limitations, full segregation of duties is not feasible at this time. Accordingly, the Village Council will continue to review monthly information to mitigate this risk, and rely on the annual external audit to help identify and correct misstatements, as needed.

Finding 2007-4 – Accounting for Inventory

Criteria: Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective

internal control over financial reporting and the safeguarding of the Village's assets. Part of this responsibility involves the periodic reconciliation of assets, such as inventory in the sewer and water

enterprise funds.

Condition: The Village has not conducted a physical inventory count in several

vears.

Cause: This condition is a result of the Village's limited resources, and the

small size of its accounting staff.

Effect: As a result of this condition, the Village is exposed to an increased risk

that misstatements or misappropriations might occur and not be

detected by management in a timely basis.

Recommendation: The Village should conduct a physical inventory of its utilities no less

than annually, and update its accounting records, accordingly.

View of Responsible Officials: The Village will conduct an annual physical inventory at year end for

future years.

Finding 2007-5 – Documentary Support for Cash Disbursements

Criteria: The Village should retain supporting documentation (e.g., original

invoices approved for payment) for all disbursements of public funds to demonstrate its fiscal accountability and to comply with State

regulations.

Condition: During our audit, we requested support for certain cash disbursements

identified in the Village's general ledger for construction-related activity in the Downtown Development Authority and Major Streets

Funds. Management was unable to locate the original invoices for four

(4) payments to a single vendor totaling more than \$40,000.

Cause: This condition appears to be the result of a filing error.

Effect: As a result of this condition, the Village's accounting records are

incomplete.

Recommendation: Management should carefully retain and file all supporting

documentation in accordance with the Village's record retention

policies.

View of Responsible Officials: The Village believes this represents an isolated incident, and is confident that its normal operating controls will be sufficient to prevent

a recurrence of this matter.

A *material weakness* is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we consider items 2007-1, 2007-2, and 2007-3 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Village's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Village in a separate letter dated March 13, 2008.

The Village of Three Oaks' responses to the findings identified in our audit are described above. We did not the Village of Three Oaks' responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Village Council, management, federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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March 13, 2008

Members of the Village Council Village of Three Oaks Three Oaks, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of *Village of Three Oaks, Michigan* for the year ended February 28, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated March 13, 2008. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

<u>Our Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America</u> and Government Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated March 19, 2007, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement and are fairly presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material misstatements may exist and not be detected by us.

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of Village of Three Oaks. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of Village of Three Oaks' compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

Significant Accounting Policies

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we advised management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by Village of Three Oaks are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by Village of Three Oaks during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.



Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

• Management's estimate of the useful lives of depreciable capital assets is based on the length of time it is believed that those assets will provide some economic benefit in the future.

We evaluated the key factors assumptions used to develop these estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. An audit adjustment may or may not indicate matters that could have a significant effect on Village of Three Oaks' financial reporting process (that is, cause future financial statements to be materially misstated). We proposed numerous material adjusting journal entries, which in our judgment, had a significant effect on the Village of Three Oaks's financial reporting process.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Village of Three Oaks' auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no difficulties in dealing with management in performing our audit.

This letter and the accompanying memorandum are intended for the use of the Village Council, management, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Rehmann Lohan

Village of Three Oaks

Comments and Recommendations

For the Year Ended February 28, 2007

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Village of Three Oaks as of and for the year ended February 28, 2007, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Village's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Village's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

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A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. The deficiencies we noted that we consider to be material weaknesses are described in our report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Other Matters

Accounting Software

For the year ended February 28, 2007, the Village used "QuickBooks", a small business accounting software package, to account for its financial operations. QuickBooks is not a governmental fund accounting package, and as such, is not well suited to the needs of governments. While it is technically possible to fully comply with governmental generally accepted accounting principles, state statutes, and other regulatory requirements using such a system, it requires a significant amount of manual intervention on the part of management to do so.

Village of Three Oaks

Comments and Recommendations

For the Year Ended February 28, 2007

We have previously recommended that management consider the possibility of upgrading its financial management system to a software package designed specifically for the governmental market. This would significantly enhance the Village's ability to properly account for its operations and to comply with relevant regulations. Subsequent to year end, the Village solicited proposals from various vendors of governmental accounting software packages. We commend the Village for taking this action.

Chart of Accounts

Related to the previous recommendation, we have noted that the Village's accounting records do not comply with the Uniform Chart of Accounts for local governments established by the Michigan Department of Treasury. Following the State's recommended chart of accounts helps ensure compliance with various state statutes for the separately accounting for certain activities, and provides an easier to follow trail of the entries recorded in the Village's books. We recommend that the Village adopt the Uniform Chart of Accounts in connection with the installation of its new accounting software package.

Deficit Fund Balances - Major and Local Streets Funds

The Village has accumulated deficits of \$287,660 and \$171,259 in its Major and Local Streets Funds, respectively. These deficits are a result of (1) the State of Michigan placing a hold on Act 51 revenue payments to the Village, and (2) adjustments required to record a significant construction project conducted by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and billed to the Village, but not initially recorded or paid. We recommend that the Village carefully review these funds, and arrive at a plan to ensure the sustainability of its streets and highways operations.

Adopted Budget - Major and Local Streets Funds

The Village is required to legally adopt a budget for the General Fund and each special revenue fund, including Major and Local Streets. A public hearing was held for the Village's budget on February 16, 2006, as required. However, the budget adopted included only a budget for the Streets Department of the General Fund, and not separate budgets for the Major and Local Streets Funds. We recommend that the Village Council legally adopt separate budgets for each fund, as required by state statute.

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